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Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park Old Time Jubilee On Saturday, May 15

EARLIMART - Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park will celebrate its annual Old Time Jubilee on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Allensworth is the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African-Americans, and was the first of its kind in the nation.

Every year, the town of Allensworth had a big bash to celebrate the coming of the carnival to town. State Park volunteers and staff will conduct tours of the park and present historical demonstrations. The Friends of Allensworth organization will provide a family festival atmosphere with entertainment, including a variety of music. Food vendors with a variety of ethnic foods will be on hand, along with arts and craft vendors. This event has been one of the largest of the year. The Allensworth Family still retains its down home hospitality and historic values.

Colonel Allen Allensworth, a former slave, chaplain, and later the highest ranking African-American officer of his day, founded the small farming town in 1908 with four other men who were dedicated to the principle of improving the economic and social status of African Americans.

The park entry fee is \$3 per vehicle; \$2 seniors, \$18 for buses with 24 passengers or less and \$36 for buses with 25 passengers or more.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is located in Tulare County, approximately 75 miles south of Fresno and 38 miles north of Bakersfield, off Highway 99.

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